

WWI Discussion Outline  
Pages 1-4

German's and French's initial impression of the war.

What went wrong?

Head-on infantry assaults

Alfred Joubaire's impression of WWI

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What is the date usually given of the beginning of trench warfare proper?

Place trenches began-ended, miles long

Difference of the land held by the German's as compared to the British. Why is one better than the other?

Parapet/box trenches

Be able to draw and label the parts of a trench and what they were used for (6-10)

Funk-holes, what are they and why were they dangerous.

Difference between German dugouts and Allies. Provide details

Fatigues

Wiring party

Sentry duty

No man's land

Pages 15-23

Troop movements through the trenches

Rain and mud (be sure to include 3 examples of the horrors of the mud for the men)

Cleaning dirty cartridges and clogged mechanisms

Sumps

Duckboards

Great-coats

Trench foot

Rain/mud and freezing cold

Danger of lighting a brazier in a dugout

Official provisions (clothes) for the cold

French attempting to stay warm

Physical condition of the men and trenches

Latrines

Typical 24 hours for a soldier